

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title and before the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 10/117,220 entitled USE OF OXYHYDROXIDE COMPOUNDS FOR REDUCING CARBON MONOXIDE IN THE MAINSTREAM SMOKE OF A CIGARETTE, filed on April 8, 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace paragraph number 0076, beginning on page 21 and ending on page 22 with the following:

"Smoking" of a cigarette means the heating or combustion of the cigarette to form smoke, which can be inhaled. Generally, smoking of a cigarette involves lighting one end of the cigarette and inhaling the cigarette smoke through the mouth end of the cigarette, while the tobacco contained therein undergoes a combustion reaction. However, the cigarette may also be smoked by other means. For example, the cigarette may be smoked by heating the cigarette and/or heating using electrical heater means, as described in commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,053,176; 5,934,289; ~~5,934,289~~, 5,591,368 or 5,322,075, for example.